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6/7/15

Hyderabad Dewan Sahib,

Herewith the draft telegraph memo, with additional at end of para 2

I shall take up PTO

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Rec'd 5.10 pm
6.7.15.

On His Majesty's Service.

Telegram
No 15
from H
Mr Chichele

Sir M. Visvesvaraya KCSI
Dewan of Mysore

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I have gone through the paper and consider the representation suitable. Any arrangement that may be arrived at should be for 3 or 5 years in the first instance to be ~~expired~~ fixed permanently or for a long period later on.

JM
6/7.

Dewan)

(vide P+J 2-16-8)

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4 Bangalore 6.7.15

D. O. No. 3166/Enc 1

To

Mirza M. Ismail Esq

My dear Mirza

I enclose herewith copy of a ~~letter~~ draft letter which has been prepared by the Hon. Sir Hugh Daly on the question of telegraph facilities in the State. This question has been under correspondence with the Residency for over a year; and Sir Hugh Daly ~~expects~~ proposes to discuss the matter at Simla. ~~He wishes that His Highness' Govt may address him officially.~~ ~~It is hoped to appoint the lines indicated in~~ ~~case the latter accepts the~~ The enclosed draft ~~to~~ will ~~enable him to take necessary action~~ you kindly ~~his permission tomorrow.~~

I may add that the draft is based partly on our previous representations partly on personal discussions

P.T.O.

with the Hon'ble the President
who has evinced great
interest to help the
Durbar to obtain a
satisfactory solution of the
question

I shall H.
pleased to approve of the
draft letter, which you
kindly lent me a while
ago so that
may despatch the letter
[illegible] at once

I am writing this to you to
save time as I am leaving
tomorrow night. You will
doubtless show this to Sir
Campbell.

Yours sincerely

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Newans - Order

As soon as an affirmative reply is received from the Hazur Secy to the D.O letter No 3116 dt 6-7-15, an offl letter on the lines of the typed draft below has to issue to the Honble the Resident from the Secy G & R -

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Yes (
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INDIAN TELEGRAPHS.

**NOTICE.**

This form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.

Charges to pay. Rs. As.

Office Stamp. BANGALORE 7 JUL 15 G.T.D.

| Handed in at (Office of Origin.) | Hour. | Minute. | Service Instructions. | Words. |
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| Mysore 7 | 17 | 55 | X | 24 |

Recd. here at 18 H. 5 M.

TO Dewan Bangalore

His Highness approves of issue of letters according to draft enclosed in your letter no 3116 of yesterday's date

= Huzur Secretary

N B.—The name of the Sender, if telegraphed, is written after the text.

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Basavangudi
8/7/15
7 AM

My dear Mr Narasinga Rao

I enclose herewith the telegram received by the Dewan late last night from the Huzur Sahib approving of the issue of the draft letter ~~sent~~ regarding the telegraph facilities in the State. You may remember I gave

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## Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

The file on the subject is understood to be before the Dewan - It is suggested a letter without referring to any previous Correspondence as per draft herewith put up may be written to the Rev. Y. Lacey)

Asst 8/7.

Attention is respectfully invited to certain small corrections indicated in pencil which appear necessary

Asst 8/7

Draft before 2 Pm Date

U. Srs

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form.

Letter to reach before 2 Pm

Date 8/7

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| | Do. |
| 1 | The H.a. Resident Bdl. no. 228 d. 8.7.15 Requests that the Govt. of India may be moved to grant increased facilities in the matter of telegraphic communications in Mysore on the lines indicated therein |
| 2 | From The Same Officer no. 6770 d. 23.9.16 Communicates the views of the Govt. of India in the matter. Subd. K.V. 28/9 |
| | Gen Secy) 28/9/16 |
| 3 | Do. no. 6771 d. 23.9.16 from the H.a. Resident Intimates that the Post master Gen. question may be discussed informally with the Post master General & that some other method of meeting with the wishes of the Durbar might be formulated which would not present so many practical difficulties in execution. Dewan's order: "Secretary E & A. This matter requires further early consideration (to be treated as an urgent matter). A copy may be Subd for His Highness' information. (Init) M.V. 28.9.16 Subd. with references K.V. 29/9/16 |

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Vide separate note attached

On

26/10/16

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Telegraph facilities.

The last correspondence is our --- letter No. Pol. 22 dated 8th July 1915 and the Residency letter No. 6770 dated 23rd September 1916.

2. As regards 33 proposed offices under immediate consideration, 3 have been --- opened and 5 may be postponed. The remaining 25 may be sanctioned at once and we may agree to pay the guarantee required according to the system explained by the Government of India.

Vide para 3 of Mr. D'Souza's note. (Fl. H)

3. As regards the general question of a collective guarantee the difficulties pointed out by the Government of India are not insuperable and the Mysore Government may consider any rules that may be proposed by the Government of India to facilitate calculation.

4. In any case the Telegraph authorities may be asked to open a Telegraph Office at any place within the State --- whenever asked by the Durbar to do so --- subject to the question of cost being decided later. Pending further changes and the adoption of a collective guarantee for the whole State the group-guarantee system explained in the latest Residency letter will be accepted by the Durbar; but the group may include all offices on the particular line instead of the new ones only.

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J. Chakravarti
5.11.16

To Dewan as per oral instructions of this afternoon

D. O. No. 8224. BANGALORE.

20th November 1916.

My dear Sir Visvesvaraya

I have duly received your demi-official note of the 18th instant and am sending on at once its enclosure relating to the Telegraph Office at Kannambadi to Mr. Monteath. It affords, in my opinion, a strong instance of the delays of which the Durbar justly complain.

Yours sincerely

H. V. Cobb

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

ISSued

My dear sir,

I send herewith, for favour of submission to His Highness, notes of a meeting which took place at the Residency on Wednesday, the 8th instant, to discuss the question of Postal and Telegraphic facilities in the Mysore State,

The Hon'ble the Resident very kindly arranged for the meeting with a view to remove the difficulties under which our State has been labouring in this respect.

The Financial Secretary will be requested to take further action in the matter of a separate representation to the Govt. of India on the points raised in the ~~Note~~ notes.

& to continue to press the matter till a satisfactory settlement is reached.

Yours sincerely,

21.11.16

Dewan.

R.H.Campbell Esq., C.I.E.

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## POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH FACILITIES IN THE MYSORE STATE.

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Through the good offices of the Hon'ble the Resident, a meeting took - place on the 8th November 1916 at the Residency to discuss the question of providing additional Postal and Telegraph offices and facilities in the State.

There were present, besides the Hon'ble the Resident and myself, Mr. Monteath Post Master General, Madras, and Mr. Lajmi Lakshman Rau, Assistant Post Master General, Telegraph Traffic, Madras.

As regards Telegraph facilities, the Mysore Government had asked for the opening of 33 new offices. Of these 3 have been opened since and at least 25 more are required at once. In the course of the Conference I pointed out that usually Telegraph Offices were a source of revenue to the Government of India, and there was no reason why additional telegraph offices should not be opened ~~at our request~~ wherever we wanted them. I have agreed, pending the decision of the question of a collective guarantee, to give the necessary guarantee in respect of the 25 offices required ~~at once~~ in the meantime.

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Mr. Monteath stated that the Government of India had no money and that on account of the war, materials

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for constructing new lines were difficult to procure. As telegraph offices are urgently required, I stated that, if necessary, we would be prepared to bear the necessary capital outlay as a temporary measure for a year or two, subject to future adjustment,

The Hon'ble Mr. Cobb took a very liberal view of the position and pointed out that the Government of India who have treated the telegraph system as a monopoly should not grudge starting offices as rapidly as they are required by His Highness' Government.

I explained that the Mysore Government had already represented that as a permanent solution of the question it was necessary to treat all the offices in the State as a separate administrative unit and place a Superintendent of Deputy Post Master General in charge and that we would be prepared to give a collective guarantee, if necessary.

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P O S T. Offices

I stated that the Mysore Government wanted 92 new Post offices and that improvements were wanted in a number of existing ones. The Post Master General had stated that on account of financial stringency, they could not comply with more than a few of our requirements at

present.

It was pointed out that the small provision promised by the Post Master General was quite inadequate. If there was financial stringency, His Highness' Government would provide the funds required for this particular improvement also subject to future adjustment.

I ~~also~~ drew attention to the fact that the number of Post Offices in 1889 when the Anche was transferred to the Postal Department was 417 and that now in 1916, the number was 412. This was an extraordinary state of things and yet the Director General in his letter dated the 11th August 1916, stated that "the Durbar cannot complain of illiberal treatment".

The Hon'ble the Resident strongly supported the position taken up by the Mysore Government. In the end Mr. Monteath promised to make a representation to the Government of India and to inform us how far they would be able to meet our wishes. He ~~also~~ promised that the larger question of a collective guarantee would ~~also~~ also be taken into serious consideration.

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My dear Mr.Cobb,

I return herewith, with many thanks, the papers kindly forwarded with your D.O.letter No.1313 dated the 15th instant, regarding the question connected with the extension of Telegraph facilities and the location of the King's Statue.

I think your draft to Mr. Monteath puts the case clearly and I agree to it

Yours sincerely,

22.2.17 Dewan.

I am much obliged to you ~~for the interest you are taking in this question and~~ for letting me see your reply.

I am sorry I have taken so long to reply to your letter. I had to make enquiries.

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18. Bangalore 22.2.17

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My dear Mr. Chakravarti,

I sent you a letter from the Residency with a request to put up a draft reply. This I did on the 16th and as I did not hear from you till to-day, I made enquiries. I now learn that the letter had gone into the records of your office and has not even been seen by you.

Will you kindly let me know what the arrangements in your office ~~are~~ which prevent notes from the Dewan reaching your hands.

Yours sincerely,

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For C. Secy's perusal & return pse. Hy Secy 16.2.17

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I enclose (1) a copy of Mr. Monteath's D.O. note dated the 14th instant to which I referred in conversation with you this morning, and (2) a copy of my proposed reply.

Would you very kindly let me know if you -- approve of the letter from the Durbar's standpoint or would suggest any alterations or amendments?

I am so sorry that war conditions should hamper us in so many ways but of course it cannot possibly be helped and we must resign ourselves to the inevitable.

Yours sincerely

H. C.

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

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SUBJECT.....

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*Diary No. of letter replied to*.....

Section G. M

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Serial No. 1

General and Revenue Secretariat

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No. Pol 22

Date of issue 8. 7. 15

Signed by Abr. D. K. Narasinga Rao.

To The First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident

Sir,

I am directed to address you on the Subject of extension of telegraphic communications in Mysore as follows:-

[Here enter typed draft herewith put up.]

I have &c.

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Telegraphic Communications in Mysore.

The Durbar are anxious for increased facilities in the matter of extension of telegraphic communications.

2. Under the present procedure, every case in which an additional telegraph office is desired is treated separately and requires a separate guarantee. Enquiries, which often take long to complete, are instituted with a view to deciding the amount of such guarantee. In one very urgent case a short time ago it took ten months to obtain sanction to a new office.

3. The Durbar would like to suggest that the entire system of Telegraph Offices in the State should be treated as a single unit, a separate account being kept of the receipts and expenditure for the State as a whole and the Durbar guaranteeing the loss, if any, on the entire system.

If this suggestion could be accepted, the Durbar might be given a free hand as to the establishment of new offices. Ordinarily the Durbar, in their own interests, would wish for regular estimates of receipts and expenditure in connection with proposed new offices. But, where a new office was for any reason urgently required, or where the Durbar were satisfied, from a knowledge of local conditions, that a new office was at any rate likely to pay its way, the Durbar might be authorised to ask that ~~that~~ the office should be opened without preliminary enquiry.

4. If the above suggestion is considered to involve undue risk of a diminution of Imperial receipts from the telegraph lines in the State, an alternative plan might be to calculate the net Imperial receipts for the past 3 or 5 years and to lay down that, if the corresponding net receipts for the next similar period, including those of any new offices opened at the request of the Durbar fall short of the net receipts for the previous period, the Durbar shall make good the deficiency. The Durbar might also, if necessary, be required to pay a prorata profit on the new offices, should such profit not be actually yielded by those offices. If the net receipts were in excess

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excess of those for the previous corresponding period, it might be reasonable to allow such excess to be paid to the Durbar, subject to rateable deductions to meet any extra general charges for supervision, etc.

5. The Durbar would be quite willing, if desired, to arrange themselves for the construction of new lines and for the opening and manning of new offices. They have no desire whatever to press this suggestion which is merely made in case it should be a convenience to the Imperial Telegraph Department. If it were accepted, it would be clearly understood by the Durbar that all the work done and the staff employed in the offices would be subject tothe rules and under the supervision of the Imperial Telegraph Department.

6. The Durbar wish to suggest that the disposal of all matters connected with telegraphic communication in the State would be greatly facilitated if a single officer of the Imperial Telegraph Department were authorised to discuss them directly with the Durbar and were given power to settle at once all ordinary questions that may arise.

7. The Durbar realise that, so long as the war continues, it may be necessary to curtail or postpone new construction. They are perfectly content in this matter to abide by the convenience of the Government of India. But they would be glad if the general procedure in these cases could be reviewed with the object of facilitating the prompt disposal, in ordinary times, of all applications for improved telegraphic communications.

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Copy to Dewan

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Secy) 23 SEP 1916

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FROM

MAJOR T. H. ST. GEORGE TUCKER,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

Pol. 604
25 9/16

DIARY NO. 2918

To

The Dewan of Mysore

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| SECTION |
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*Dated Bangalore,* 23rd September 1916.

SIR,

I am directed to refer to Mr. Narasinga Rao's letter No. Pol. 22, dated the 8th July 1915, on the subject of extension of telegraphic communications in Mysore. The Government of India were addressed on the subject and I am now to communicate their views.

2. With reference to the suggestion that the entire system of telegraph offices in the State should be treated as a single unit, the Government of India say that the proposal would involve a departure from the ordinary principle governing the opening of combined offices, which is that the guarantor takes the risk of half the possible loss on a particular office, while the Government of India accept liability for the other half. The arrangement proposed by the Durbar is, practically, that the telegraph system in the State should be treated as a whole for the purpose of guarantee, but the Government of India point out, that such a system would necessitate an elaborate calculation showing the cost of working the present offices, 59 in number, as well as the capital cost, maintenance

maintenance and depreciation of the lines. The labour involved in arriving at the result would be enormous and it is doubtful if even an approximately accurate figure could be attained. Further, the calculation would be complicated by the fact that the establishment in some of the offices is engaged in "transit" work of other offices beyond the limits of the State. Then again the telegraph lines passing through the State carry wires which serve offices both inside and outside of the State, as well as wires for the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway; extra wires both for departmental and railway purposes are also being added at irregular intervals to cope with the requirements of traffic, and the staff employed in the different offices is altered from time to time according to the variations of traffic. Great difficulty would also be experienced in arriving at a proper figure to quote for supervision, control and audit, etc; and it would be a troublesome undertaking to quote a guarantee in respect of the existing offices. Such a guarantee would moreover require to be amended on every occasion when a new wire was erected or the staff of an office altered. It would also be contrary to business principles to accept a half guarantee for all offices in a large State like Mysore.

3. In these circumstances the Government of India regret that it is not practicable to accede to the request of the Durbar. On the other hands, they find that it is not always possible to quote separate guarantees in each individual case, in accordance with the usual practice, because the opening of some offices at a distance from an existing line is dependent on the opening of other offices nearer that line. To facilitate the calculation of guarant in such cases, the Government of India have decided that when it is proposed to open two or more offices in close proximity to each other, which are to some extent inter-dependent, they should be grouped together and that ---

that guarantees should be calculated on a collective basis. This principle has been adopted in respect of some of the additional combined offices for which the Durbar have applied (vide Mr. Srinivasiengar's letter No. 569, dated 28th January 1914), and the estimated guarantees have already been communicated to the Durbar. (vide letter No. CO-047, dated the 4th June 1915, from the Postmaster General Traffic, Madras, a copy of which was forwarded with endorsement No. 246-C, dated the 18th June 1915).

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Fl M in the linked file.

4. As regards the suggestion that a single officer of the Imperial Telegraph Department should be deputed to discuss all matters connected with telegraphic communication in the State direct with the Durbar, the Government of India observe that the Postmasters-General have the power to settle all ordinary cases that may arise and a reference to higher authority is only necessary when the expenditure involved is beyond their powers to deal with or when the arrangements proposed are unusual.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

G. Sr. G. Succar.

First Assistant Resident.

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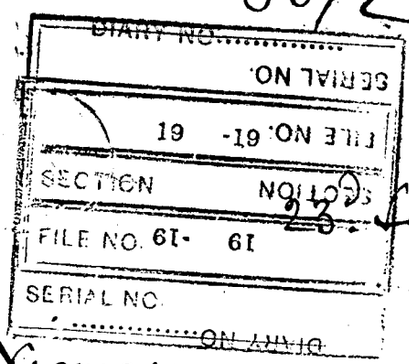


BANGALORE.

23 September 1916

My dear Sir M. Visvesvaraya

An official letter is issuing to you today about the question raised in Mr. Narasinga Rao's letter No. 22 Poll., dated the 8th July 1915.

The Government of India's reply to the Durbar's suggestions amounts in fact to a "non possumus".

2. Mr. Cobb thinks it might be perhaps useful if after the Dusserah is over you, the Postmaster General, Madras, (who is now on tour) and he were to meet at the Residency and discuss the whole question informally. Perhaps some other method of meeting with the wishes of the Durbar might be formulated which would not ~~xxxxix~~ present so many practical difficulties in execution.

3. As you are aware the Resident will be very glad indeed to do all in his power to help the Durbar to arrive at some arrangement, which, while advancing their own convenience and interests, will meet with the Government of India's approval.

Yours sincerely

J. Sr. G. Succar.

Sir M. Visvesvaraya, K.C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore.

Leave to A

This matter requires further early consideration (To be treated as an urgent matter)
A copy may be sent for H.H.'s information

28.9.16

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